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TAGS: SENV, JA, US

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF POLLUTION FROM US CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

1. GOJ ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HAS EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN WIRE SERVICE ARTICLES WHICH RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN SEVERAL TOKYO VERNACULAR PAPERS ON JANUARY 29 TO EFFECT THAT EPA RESEARCH REPORT MADE PUBLIC ON JANUARY 27 CONFIRMED THAT CATALYTIC CONVERTERS ATTACHED TO 1975 US CARS COULD BECOME DANGEROUS SOURCE OF SULFURIC ACID POLLUTION, AND THAT EPA WAS RECONSIDERING USE OF SUCH CONVERTERS. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY SCIENTISTS HAVE, OF COURSE BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME FOR POSSIBLE UNDESIRABLE SIDE EFFECTS OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS, BUT URGENTLY REQUEST INFORMATION ON LATEST FINDINGS, REASON FOR RELEASE OF REPORT AT THIS TIME, AND PROGNOSIS FOR FUTURE DECISIONS AND ACTIONS.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FIVE COPIES OF THIS REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INTERESTED GOJ AGENCIES AND TELEGRAPHIC EXPLANATION OF BACKGROUND.  
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